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Attn: Magalie Salas, Secretary

Re: FERC Project 2100-000; Law Enforcement

Dear Secretary Salas:

This letter is to clarify the California Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) public safety and enforcement responsibility at the FERC Project 2100 and is in response to the Butte County Chief Administrative Office DEIS comment filing of November 20, 2006, and the Butte County errata filed with FERC on January 10, 2007.

DPR, by California statute (PRC 5008), is the lead law enforcement agency on State Park lands. Lake Oroville State Recreation Area is located entirely within the P-2100 boundaries and comprises about 75% of the P-2100 lands. As the lead law enforcement agency for Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, DPR works cooperatively with the California Highway Patrol, California Department of Fish and Game and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to provide high quality safety and enforcement services for the visitors to the State Park facility.

DPR Rangers issue up to 700 personal citations each year and book into Butte County jail approximately 85 suspects each year. It should be noted that by State law a majority of the fine assessed for each citation written by DPR Rangers goes directly to Butte County. Presently there are 14 Park Rangers assigned to Lake Oroville State Recreation Area on a year round basis. As sworn California Peace Officers and trained Emergency Medical Responders, DPR Rangers provide an exceptional public safety presence for park visitors on both land and water.

As an Oroville Facilities Relicensing Settlement Agreement signatory, DPR supports the Agreement and believes that overall public safety and law enforcement are enhanced in and around the Project area due to the public safety and enforcement resources provided by California State Parks.

Sincerely,

Steve Feazel

Sector Superintendent

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area